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Entangled in the web of convenience,
At the mercy of spray bottles,
Begging for no pests,
It's a war of man.

Got bugs?
Spray 'em!
Got weeds?
Spray 'em too!
Want better crops?
You know what to do!
It's a war of man.

Man has befouled the water,
Where have the mammals gone?
The birds have disappeared,
The plants are mute witnesses
To the poisoning of you and me.
It's a war of man.

Poison for fewer mosquitoes,
Cancer for fewer beetles,
Impaired vision to achieve a juicier pear;
No one wins.
It's a war of man.